



**Stillwater County Weed District**  
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**Stillwater Weed Management District**  
***Regular Meeting***  
**April 20, 2022**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Weed District Office**

**Approved**

**Present:** Allen Nordahl  
Bob Kirch  
Norman Moss  
Ron Van Hoosear- Stillwater County Resident  
Tyrel Hamilton- Commission & Weed Board Liason  
Dana Weatherford

**Absent:** Kerry Kovanda

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman, Allen Nordahl.

**Minutes from previous meeting(s): 2-16-22 Meeting Minutes**

The Chairman wanted it noted that the motion passed unanimously when it was voted on how to expend the funds for our new Weed District office/shop building. Bob Kirch moved to approve the meeting minutes for the September 29, 2021 meeting as amended. Norm Moss second. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Upon the February 22, 2022 meeting, Dana Weatherford met with the BOCC to discuss how the Weed Board voted to expend the saved capital funds and utilize an intercap loan to contribute to the new Weed District office/shop. The BOCC agreed on the plan and requested a letter from the Weed District to be filed as a file item during their regular agenda meeting. The letter and attached plan were approved on March 22, 2022. Tyrel Hamilton stated the contract with AE Design was signed at the March 19, 2022 agenda meeting and the project is moving forward.

**New Business:**

**Old Chemical Shed Discussion:** Dana Weatherford stated the old chemical storage is no longer being used by the Weed District and some sort of action needs to take place with it before demolition starts on the old Road Department office trailer. Bob Kirch moved to do an inner department transfer if another department can utilize the shed; otherwise, option two is to tear the building down. Norm Moss second. Motion carried.



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**2022 Seasonal Wages for Seasonal Workers Discussion/Approval:** Dana Weatherford provided handouts of the Cost of Living Adjustments, elected officials COLA resolutions from 2018- present, and potential raise figures for the current Weed District seasonal workers. It was also announced the Weed District will have to advertise and interview for one more seasonal worker. After lengthy discussion and input from Tyrel Hamilton. Commissioner Hamilton suggested to review the figures on the current pay matrix with the employees being at the respected grade 7 and follow the current matrix values of 2.4%. Dana provided the current pay matrix spread sheet for the Board to review on the projector screen. Norm Moss moved to approve seasonal wages that follow the grade 7 on the current matrix based on their longevity at four years following step 4- and 2-years following step 2 for the Weed District employees. Bob Kirch second. Motion carried.

**2022-2023 FY Budget Discussion/Approval:** Discussion was had regarding the FY 2022-2023 preliminary budget while setting projected figures for the individual line items. Due to the rising cost of Tordon and keeping the Farmer's Cost Share active, Bob Kirch moved to increase the cost of Tordon to \$60.00/gallon. Norm Moss second. Under the advisement of the weed coordinator, Dana Weatherford would like to revisit the budget at the next meeting in May. Due to the lack of a county finance director and the rising costs of operating supplies. Norm Moss moved to approved the FY 2022-2023 preliminary budget in its proposed state until the board meets again on May 10, 2022. Bob Kirch second. Motion carried.

**Coordinator Report:** Dana Weatherford reminded the Board of the board training on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Dana stated all the spray equipment is ready to go and the crew will start in the middle of May. The plan is to start in the northern part of the county and move to the southern part of the county due to the growing season.

The next meeting is on May 10 at 4:30 pm.

**Public Comment:** None

Bob Kirch moved to adjourn the meeting. Norm Moss seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.